

**HB**

**270**

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### Sponsor Statement

#### HB 270

#### “An Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists; and providing for an effective date”

HB 270 was introduced to help the Board of Pharmacy address a problem that was unintentionally left out of the original version of the statutes.

The board of Pharmacy currently cannot deny a licensee based on actions that follow AS 08.80.261(a), however they can discipline a current licensee. This legislation gives the Board the authority to deny a license to a new applicant if they find that the applicant has committed fraud, deceit, falsely advertised, convicted of a felony, etc. as listed in AS 08.80.261(a).

The passage of this bill will provide the Board of Pharmacy the ability to ensure a greater degree of safety for Alaskan citizens.

I urge your support for HB 270.

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To: Representative Peggy Wilson, Chairman, House Education and Social Service Committee

From: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom

Date: April 16, 2003

Re: House Bill 270

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Please schedule HB 270 "An Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists; and providing for an effective date" for a hearing in House Education and Social Service Committee as soon as possible.

Included with the request is:

- 1) HB 270
- 2) Sponsor Statement
- 3) Letter of Support

Thank you for your consideration.

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April 16, 2003

Honorable Representative Nancy Dahlstrom  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 270

Dear Representative Dahlstrom,

The Alaska Pharmacists Association, formerly the Alaska Pharmaceutical Association, represents over 200 licensed pharmacists and technicians in the State of Alaska. On behalf of our membership I would like to thank you for sponsoring HB 270 "an Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists." Our membership includes pharmacy staff members in retail, hospital, clinic, and institutional practice sites. All of these practice sites rely on the Board of Pharmacy to license professionals that are fit and competent to practice pharmacy.

As you are aware the statutory changes made by HB270 are needed in order for the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to deny pharmacy licenses to individuals with questionable backgrounds. Currently the BOP has no specific statutory authority to deny individuals licenses to individuals who may have felony drug convictions or drug abuse problems, unless they had been previously licensed by the BOP. The current situation potentially puts both the safety of the public and the profession of pharmacy at risk.

Our association has put a high priority on getting the statutory changes included in HB270 into law. We thank you once again for sponsoring and introducing this bill. Please do not hesitate to contact our association or me directly at 907-225-6186 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barry Christensen, Pharmacist  
Chair, Legislative Committee